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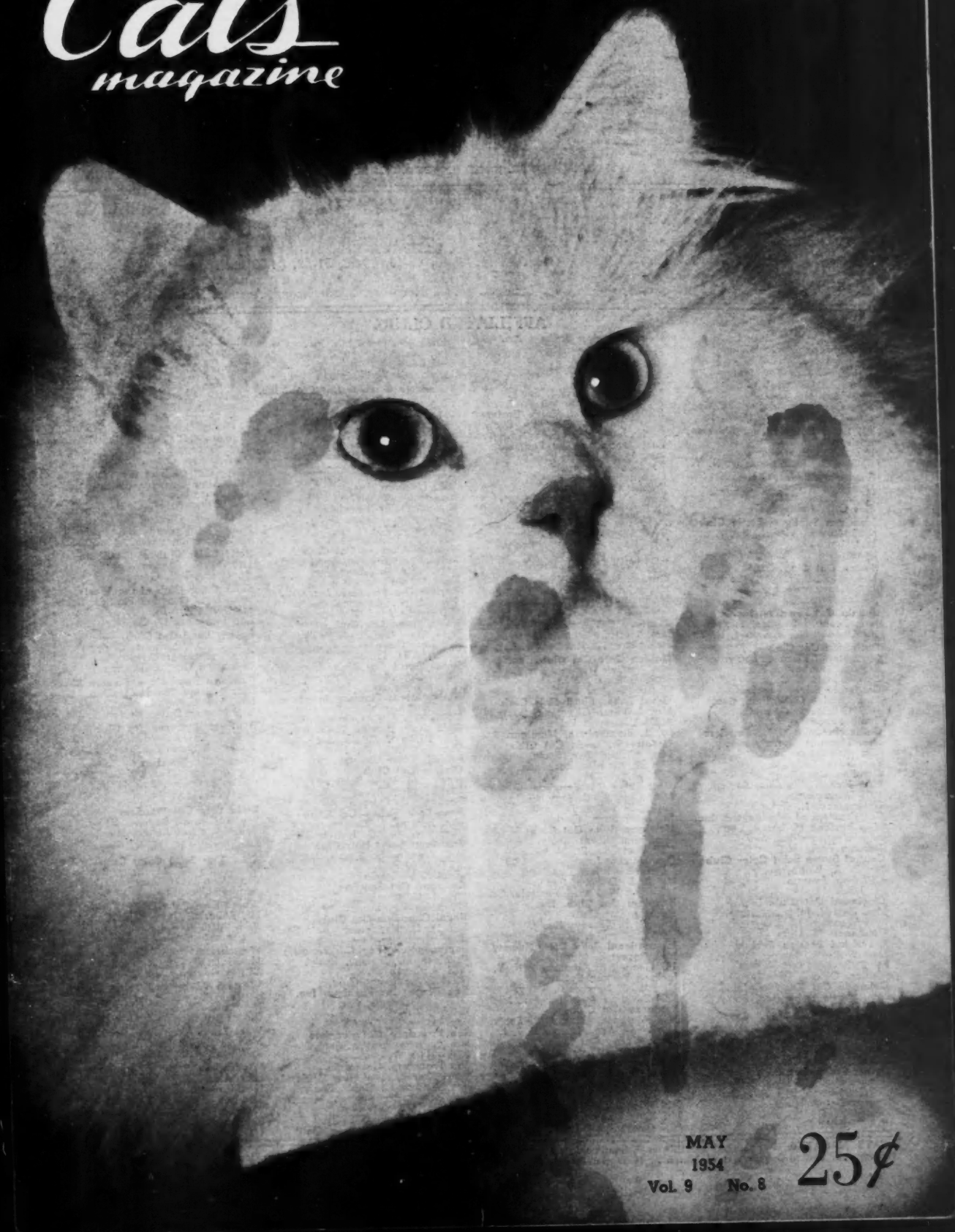

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The Readers Always Write

PLAN SHOWS FOR PUBLIC!

Dear Editors:

In a recent humane society report, I noted that a very worth while organization "handled" 455 more cats than dogs and placed in homes 453 more dogs than cats . . . the emphasis is definitely on *dogs*. Not for the world would I minimize the efforts in behalf of the canines. But—is it not apparent that we, the so-called fanciers or cat lovers are somewhat remiss and more than a little guilty that this situation exists.

This is positively no criticism of the particular Rescue League. The same situation exists elsewhere.

It seems to me it would be so easy for the cat fanciers to turn the tide and obtain more recognition for cats—more appreciation of cats—if we were not so self-centered and selfish. Of course we love our own cats best. That is quite natural. But I am very conscious of the "public be damned" attitude that exists. This is also extended to the "novice cat-lover be damned" as well.

Articles in January and February CATS Magazine prove my points—the January letter by Dr. R. D. MacNitt, titled "For Pet Owners" and the most commendable "Quotes from the Shows" by our beloved Billie Bancroft in February.

Let us deal with the "Quotes" first:—"poor lighting", "aisles too crowded", "lack of space", "no room to watch judging", "cages could have been larger", "not enough space to move around and see the cats due to exhibitors sitting by the threes and fours in the aisles obstructing passage and views of the cats"—and on and on. Seems a shame to just take comments on the Atlantic—I have really enjoyed the New York City Shows in the past and was sorry to miss this one. Our own Dbl. Ch. Pentagon Rusty (deceased) made his double championship at an Atlantic Show. The above criticism is true of too many shows. Why? Because the breeders are interested in only one thing and that is wins for their own cats. That is the primary reason for going to a cat show. Sometimes that is the primary reason for putting on a show.

As breeders, we want to sell our stock. Yet, we destroy the very medium that would create a market, increase the price and create a demand. Along with this, we completely fail in what could be accomplished in animal welfare.

A cat show, no matter how you look at it, is a beauty show, pure and simple. We are not subject to tests as to which cat can catch a mouse in the fastest time; climb higher in a tree; or which Tom can lick the daylights out of another Tom. So I say we really have the edge on the dog shows if we would just wake up to the fact.

As a cat breeder with thirty-six pedigreed cats I do feel entitled to an opinion, but know I shall be put down as a "non-conformist", "rebel" and "malcontent" for daring to suggest progress.

I would like to add that the article by Irene Castle Enzinger (God love her—she and her husband Vernon Castle are among my fondest childhood memories and her Orphans of the Storm is a precious thing), well, the article made me sick. When we, the cat-lovers, educate the public, cats will be sought after, appreciated and cared for.

Sincerely,

Hazel Bayer

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BLACK SIAMESE?

Dear Editors:

I am enclosing some pictures of our cat-a five year old black female-and I am wondering if you could give me some information which we have been trying to get ever since we acquired the cat. The cat has all the traits and characteristics of the Siamese as you will see from the pictures. His (we've always called "her" "he") hind legs are much longer than the front legs, his head is wedge-shaped and the eyes are almond-shaped and amber in color. He does not miaow, in fact makes very little noise with his mouth. Once-in-awhile he lets out a hair-raising yell that is like nothing we have ever heard from a cat. His disposition is good as far as three members of the family are concerned but he will have nothing to do with anyone else. We know absolutely nothing about his parents. He was abandoned in a local bus station when he was a tiny kitten and we rescued him and brought him home. Three different veterinarians have told us he must have more Siamese blood than any other kind and we are very curious to know if it is possible for a Siamese to be black. If you have read James Mason's book "The Cats in Our Lives" your familiar with the cat he claims was a black Siamese and have seen the picture of the cat on the jacket which could be a picture of our cat.

Virginia Brian

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COVER

Triple Champion Via Jumbo Bear of Gallahad, All-Eastern Blue Eyed White Male 1953 and 1954, is the big wide-eyed boy who occupies our cover this month. Bred by Mrs. T. R. James, "Jumbo" is owned by Blanche Wolfram, Gallahad Cattery, P.O. Box 8082, Pittsburgh 16, Pa., and for the past two years has gained more All-American points than any other Blue Eyed White Male in the East. Jumbo is the man of distinction at Gallahad and proudly lives up to his title, "The Father of All of Our Whites".

E. TEXAS CAT-LOVERS UNITE!

Dear Editors:

When my wife bought two little (Siamese) kittens over a year ago, I just gave them a passing look, grunted, and wondered how she could pay out so much for them.

But the "fever" has taken hold of me to the point where I enjoy our cats to the utmost. I believe Dallas, Houston and New Orleans to be the only existing cat clubs in our vicinity, so I'd like to see a cat club organized for this East Texas area where no such organization now exists.

Surely there are cat owners and lovers (in these East Texas cities: Marshall, Longview, Tyler, Kilgore, Nacaogdoches, Henderson, Mt. Pleasant, Gladewater and Texarkana; in these Louisana cities: Shreveport, Alexandria, Monroe, Ruston, and Minden; and in these Arkansas cities: Texarkana, ElDorado, Magnolia and Hope) - who would back a genuine and unselfish interest in cats.

Would you print in your magazine an open letter to all interested persons in the above mentioned areas, having them write to me, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope? I am employed by the Longview Public Schools as Librarian of the Senior High School.

Eugene Bullock

8 Rowland Drive
Longview, Texas

The Cat

SAINT and SINNER

by

Mary Lou Clark

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No cat lover is surprised to learn that the cat was considered sacred by the ancient Egyptians. Many cats have survived this period making their appearances on bowls and bott'es, in sculpture and paintings, and as figures worn as charms to bring love and good luck. The photographs of exhibits in The Brooklyn Museum show a fine piece of sculpture measuring about two feet high which is carved from a single block of wood, and the coffin which, since the Egyptians raised the cat to such an exalted position, they provided it with upon death, expecting it to share in their after world.

In Egypt the cat was a god, but later in human history descending into darkness, it was classified in Satan's ranks.

It is not certain how the cat became a devil, but the knowledge that man's early gods represented good and evil can be used as a starting point. The cat was good because it made an excellent pet and mousetrap. It was admired for its beauty. The cat may have begun to lose its reputation because it was thought to be uncanny. Man, not being adapted to the dark and afraid of it, slept during the night, when the cat preferred to be most active. Because she could see and walk at night, the cat was thought to be driven by supernatural force, perhaps an evil spirit. Another factor that may have been recognized by early cat keepers is the strange behavior of their pets' eyes. The cat stares into a human's eyes so intently that one becomes aware of being "seen through" and develops a sense of uneasiness. And the contraction and expansion of the cat's pupils in varying degrees of light is unique in pattern and is more easily noticed than in any other animal.

Without doubt, the slinky, silent movements of the cat furthered its mystical qualities. A cat's behavior is at times odd. It will tiptoe across the floor, paw at an invisible object, stop and listen, and then dash madly at a bit of nothing. Man could best explain these movements by the cat's being spoken to by a haunting spirit or, perhaps, by the devil himself.

The cat's sense of hearing is far more acute than the human's, enabling it to detect sounds beyond the human range, and every hair on the cat's body is sensitive, causing it to have a most delicate sense of touch, with the result that aided by these two factors, cats frequently react to stimuli not noticed by the human. Thus, from their observations, early people who knew nothing of the physical and psychological aspects of the cat were certain that these characteristics were present only because of its connection with the supernatural. So was the cat deemed enchanted and in company with ghosts.

When obsession by the devil was once projected into the cat, it was a difficult trait to remove. The cat became the witch's friend. A witch without a broom and cat would not be a witch. Witches reveled at midnight, cats prowled at dark, and the two became friends. A witness at a witchcraft trial would often testify that he had seen the devil in the form of a cat. So during the witchcraft persecution not only innocent women perished but thousands of cats, as well.

Only twenty years ago in Pennsylvania people sacrificed cats by killing them in boiling water to appease Satan. A bone from the cat was then worn as protection against evil. It is still wrongly believed in some sections that cats--especially black ones--will kill a sleeping child by sucking out its breath. And of course, black cats still remain as an emblem of Hallowe'en.

There are countless tales in literature of the cat's evil. In Sternberg's "Legends of Northamptonshire," a woodsman cut off a cat's paw after it had stolen his lunch several times. When he returned home, his wife had lost her hand. This of course was attributed to the work of a witch. A similar story tells of a man pursuing a huge cat which had been attacking his lambs. Although he failed to capture it, he did wound it in the head. The appearance next day of a neighbor with her head bandaged proved conclusively, not only that she was a witch, but that she herself had been injured while in the form of a cat. In Aesop's Fables there is a story of a young man's betrothed who had been created by Venus out of a cat. On their wedding night the bride could not resist turning back to a cat to chase some mice, which had run into their bedroom.

Throughout the world there are superstitions and customs based on the one-time evil reputation of the cat. Puss has also enjoyed favor as a weather forecaster, and even in some countries as a good luck omen, but most important to cat lovers (who have existed in all ages and all over the world) is the fact that today more than ever the cat is appreciated for her real qualities and the fables and fears of the past now form only an intriguing backdrop for the genuine pleasures associated with our own Twentieth-Century version of this mysterious symbol of the ages.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

All the graces and beauties, and intriguing frolics of the kitten with its winsome ways sink somewhat into oblivion as we come thoroughly to understand the grown, mature cat, with her versatile intelligence and her charming, sophisticated manners. It is when Pussy opens the door to her inner nature and colorful personalit that we catch a glimpse of the true character of one of the most beautiful and interesting of our domesticated animals.

From Know Your Cat, By John Hosford Hickey and Priscilla Beach

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From "Conversations with a cat named Monie"

Only a short while ago I held you,
Fragile as a bubble, in my palm,
Your Royal Tinyness gazed back at me
Into my giant wonder with unruffled calm.
And now with queenly savior faire
You grace our household, proud and free,
And somehow know your heritage,
And are aware of your own mystery.
Holding silent council with yourself
Your reverie is strangely wise,
With ancient memories to meditate,
With unforgotten Egypt in your eyes.

—Maura L. Horton

INTRODUCTION: CAT TO GOLDFISH

Roger, we've a brand-new lodger:
Meet Joe Fantail. Joe, meet Roger.
Tsk, tsk, watch it, Puss. No claws!
No quivering of drooling paws!
Mustn't touch—only look.
Though keeping to his crystal nook,
His aqueous apartment, note:
He's family, *not* table d'hote.
So make him welcome and at ease—
No licking chops and staring, please!
If times get tougher, as they threaten,
And meat too high (or how're you bet-tin'?)
You won't eat little Joe here, no, sir!
We may lose out at butcher, grocer,
And turn from empty plates and shelves,
And start to stare at Joe ourselves . . .

—Ethel Jacobson

SUSPICIOUS

The cat comes out to meet me
When I come walking home
Because of people I have known
I wonder if she's hungry, or—
Inspired by love alone.

—Elsie Simon

Tischa asleep in the sun, Summer, 1953.

TISCHA
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Today we hide you from the sun—
  Yours will be a velvet dust
From which forget-me-nots shall rise
  Less blue than your clear, azure eyes.
Gently and lovingly you are laid
  Benath the grass whereon you played
And all around your cozy room
  The phlox and peonies will bloom,
While to the garden seat that's near
  We shall come, who held you dear,
And all our thoughts of you give token
  That most is said when no word's spoken.
Your tiny headstone now records
  The twenty years of memories sweet.
May a like legacy be ours
  When we, too, shall have fallen on sleep.

—Elsie Ely
Contributed by Hettie Gray Baker

The beauty, grace and agility of the cat's body are equalled by his intellectual and spiritual nature.

—William Lyon Phelps

CONFESSION OF A CAT'S-PAW

She's back from the tiles, furtive and wise,
  Her virgin piquancy lost forever,
"We'll keep the cutest of course?" Your eyes
  Lament my lie as I thunder, "Never!"
"Her errant mother is such a dear!"
  "Her grandmother, too, of gypsy morals."
"And our lives but a searching, far and near,
  For homes for tabbies, tawnies, corals."
Some feline Malthus should deplore
  The facts from which our sorrows stem, a
Lockridge leave her trails of gore
  To chart ailourophile dilemma.
By fate, like all, an heir to woes
  Incurred by grandsires' divagations,
By folly I inherit woes
  From all the coming generations.

—Dorothea Thayer

PITY IS A POOR THING

Torn with maternal fears, what once was wild
And fugitive, comes now from hidden haunt,
Eyeing me greenly, guileless as a child.
Her fur is stiff and wet, her body gaunt.
Knowing me friend, she rubs against my leg
But when I stoop to stroke her knobby head,
Hurrying feet and twisting shoulders beg
Me follow her; no need that words be said.
Here in the barn, in a lost and lonely corner,
Her pride points out three little kittens curled.
Standing beside her anxious joy, a mourner,
I cannot tell those eyes that all her world
Is naught but stirless fur.
I turn . . . and run away from her.

—Elva June Stark

VAGABOND

A mottled vagabond cat am I,
Going from door to door.
I neither care who comes behind
Or who goes on before.
I roam the streets and country lanes.
Wherever my wish may lead.
I do as I please when I walk alone
While choosing my rate of speed.
Sometimes I stroll in a farmer's field
Where fat mice live and play.
Sometimes I chat with his friendly cat
But soon I am on my way.
For sights are many and smells are new
Where I beg but never buy.
Oh, this is the life for me, for me!
A vagabond cat am I.

—Clarice Foster Booth

ORPHEUS DROOP

Orpheus Droop is an arty cat,
Never been known to wear a hat.
His fur is dusty, his tail uncombed—
His mind in high brow concerns entombed.
His tongue is laden with dreadful verse—
In fact he couldn't be much worse.
His mother gave up long ago
Teaching him the way to go.
When she told him he must wash,
Orpheus rudely answered "Bosh!"
He said, "I'll be dirty if I choose—
I find that Filth assists my Muse."
His mother, puzzled, answered, "You
Don't need grime to help you mew!"
Orpheus Droop sighed, "Mother mine
'You cannot know the Art Divine—
'The cruel cold of the cleansing lick
'Blasts my genius, and makes me sick.
'Hygiene always makes me curse!"
No. Orpheus *couldn't* be much worse.

—Margaret Watson

KITTENHOOD

by L. H. Fairchild, M.D.

The period of kittenhood is the most critical time in the life of a cat, yet so often people who raise young stock neglect the most essential things in raising kittens. Over a span of years we have gained many helpful ideas which I should like to give your readers that may help prevent some of the tragic mistakes one can make in the care of these small animals. When we first began raising cats we knew very little about proper feeding, medicines or other procedures, yet were very eager to learn. I have always felt that the only way to succeed in any business is to learn as much as possible about it. To do successful farming one should either take an Agricultural Course or serve an apprenticeship under an expert farmer, or both. In raising dogs one should study books on the breed and learn everything there is to know about them. When it came to cats we looked for books on their care and I am sorry to say that at that particular time there were few on the market and the information we wanted was pitifully lacking. Most of them we found concerned themselves with alleged cruelty to animals by experimental laboratories and appeals to people to be kind to cats. This was a far cry fom what we wanted to know about feeding, training, breeding for color, etc. The only book at that time which came close to stating the things I wanted to know was an English book written by Dr. Kirk. He was a Veterinarian and wrote intelligently and well about the care of cats. The book, however, was only understandable to Physicians or Veterinarians as it was very technical and the medicines listed were mostly available only in England.

At that time I was in a frenzied state because I was faced with a tragic picture in our experience with our first litter of Siamese kittens. In order that you may have a better understanding of our problem, please allow me to start with the purchase of our first Siamese cat. We were very proud of this female and had tried to buy the best we could find. She was beautiful and a very sweet cat although rather shy for a Siamese. When she was old enough to be bred (Siamese cats, particularly, should be at least 10 *months old* before being bred the first time) we took her to Los Angeles where we had found a very fine imported English stud male. The resultant litter of kittens was a fine sturdy lot. We had been told that all we needed to feed the mother cat was lean beef or liver and that was exactly what we fed her twice daily. (She finally became a 'spoiled baby' and would eat only liver. I imagine many people who have only one cat will know how it can wear the owner down until the cat is the boss and is fed only food the cat desires -- this can actually result in killing your pet with kindness.) The kittens were given the regular nursing care by the mother cat and we tried to find some information as to what to feed the kittens when they were ready to be weaned but were unsuccessful. When the kittens were about 8 weeks old, first one and then another began to show weakness in one of their front legs or a hind leg. Their little bodies were tender and they couldn't bear to be picked up. If they were up on a chair and jumped to the floor they suffered severe pain and would sit crouched and crying pitifully. Within a few days these kits were so weak that they were almost paralyzed in their legs and had to drag themselves over the floor to eat.

We consulted a Veterinarian about our problem and he suggested a greater variety of food for the kittens and we tried that but there was little change in their condition. At about this time I received a circular in the mail from the Parke-Davis Drug Co. telling of some experimental work that had been done on rats and of their response to feeding diets which were deficient in Vitamin B1. Within a few weeks of this deficient feeding the rats showed the same weakness in the legs and the tenderness of the body that we found in our kittens! When foods rich in Vitamin B1 were fed to the rats they very quickly recovered and were soon perfectly well.

Acting in accord with the recommendation in the article I obtained some Brewers Yeast tablets and gave a tablet to one of our kittens. At first I tried making the baby swallow it, but the tablet was large and he almost choked. He cried as I squeezed his tiny body even a little bit in my awkward efforts to get the tablet down his throat. It fell to the floor and another kitten smelled of it and immediately grabbing it with his sharp little teeth quickly chewed and swallowed the tablet. We then gave a tablet to each kitten and all ate the yeast eagerly. They seemed to say to me, "Now, Brother, you are giving us something we need. Why didn't you think of this stuff before?" We gave each kitten two yeast tablets three times a day at first. In *two* days the kits were climbing curtains. Their soreness was gone. They were well!

This talk about Brewers Yeast may sound like "old hat" to many of our readers, but remember it was 18 years ago that we did this experimental feeding and were the first ones to advise the use of yeast in feeding of cats and kittens. Brewers Yeast was only the beginning and soon we fed kittens (and Mother Cat, too, who had been 'starved' into eating other foods besides liver) other vitamins just like I prescribed for human baby patients. Our future litters of kittens received all the added vitamins on their food from the very first solid meal and I suppose thought that all meat should taste like it was well seasoned with Vitamins!

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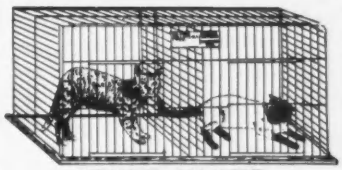

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DANGER -- ANGRY STUD CAT!

by Alice Hahn

Everybody knows what happens when two "alley Toms" meet on the back fence . . . their caterwauling announces a fight for supremacy which will leave them battered. Why do they do it? Why do two stags battle interlocking their antlers? Why does the bull walrus have to defeat all the other males? Because they are instinctively following a law of nature which is based on survival of the fittest, that the strongest shall propagate.

Our domesticated animals still have the same instincts as feral beasts, despite our control or interference with mating. The smell of another male's spray is challenge to combat . . . as well as a statement, "This is my territory. Beware."

This sexual excitement during the mating season causes the animals to be highly nervous, easily frightened or angered. The owner of a gentle female cat would not believe her to be the same animal, were he to witness her behavior as a guest for stud service. Often, immediately after mating, she is a hissing, snarling, biting, wildcat, whose aim seems to be to tear at the eyes of the male. He should have a high box or shelf upon which he can jump out of her reach. The owner or handler shold wear heavy, long lineman's gloves, but should *never touch a cat when the hair stands out, or the back is arched.*

At shows there is difficulty in handling only the fully developed mature cats. Despite the swabbing of cages with alcohol and the wiping of judges' and stewards' hands with it, cats can still smell other cats. Shows are held at the height of the mating season. One has to admire the courage of judges, who never know what the stud cats will do; and bites or scratches happen with no warning and with lightning rapidity. A judge hardly recovered from a session with blood poisoning from scratches and bites received at one show, was bitten again at another show this season. In our opinion judges and stewards should be allowed to wear the protective, heavy linesman's gloves reaching to the elbow when handling stud cats.

A cat's behavior at mating time is not vicious, just a normal, healthy, involuntary reaction, comparable to your own unthinking speed in withdrawing your hand from a hot stove. An animal would be of no use for stud service if he could not control the female.

We have heard strange remarks by breeders, who may never have owned a stud cat, or who fail to understand him.

When a fine virile specimen of Seal Point Siamese became difficult for judge and steward to handle, a Persian breeder, who at that time had never owned a stud, and who since may have learned better, screamed, "Those Siamese, I hate them! I wouldn't have one. He wouldn't do that to me!" But one noted judge is reported to have commented that the most dangerous male that he had ever encountered was a Blue Persian.

Another breeder, who had never had trouble when his cattery consisted of one stud and several females, but who had added two more young studs, which action resulted in his being bitten, failed to analyze the nature of the trouble, remarking, "I won't have a cat that bites. I had him put to sleep." Ask the owner of a stallion, or any uncastrated animal, what to expect of mature behavior, and you will probably be told that he should be spirited, of a fiery disposition, ardent, violent in action, impetuous.

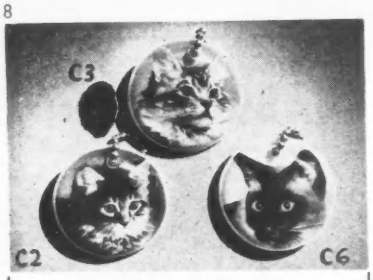
Another breeder had an unpleasant, though enlightening experience. She was exercising her one and a half year old stud on a leash outdoors on the grounds of her property for the first time at the close of winter. It was a mild March day. The cat had spent some time smelling around the bushes, when his owner decided to tie him while she went into the house for a stool and a magazine. When she came out his hair stood out, his back was arched, and he gave a caterwaul. As he had always been of an affectionate nature, and, had never been used for stud service, she unthinkingly or ignorantly, stooped to pick him up. Then so fast, the movement surprised her as well as the cat, he bit deep into her right hand, his claws making scratches six inches long down the wrist, then he released her hand, immediately biting and scratching the ankle of the left leg, which was bare, due to wearing bobby sox.

She picked up a broken piece of forsythia branch, remembering how he liked to play with it last summer, and switched it zig-zag over the lawn. It worked! He ran after it like a kitten. She led him to the door, carried him by the scruff of the neck, deposited him in his cage. Then she noticed the trail of blood. She soaked hand and leg in cool water, but it was a half hour before the bleeding stopped, and two weeks before the wounds healed.

What was the explanation of the cat's behavior? A gray chuckle-headed "rounder" Tom had been seen under those bushes at different times the week before, undoubtedly had sprayed upon them. Also, the grounds were not fenced in, so that neighbor's dogs had worn a path not far from the place where the cat had been tied. Perhaps a dog had rushed at him while she was in the house. The cat was in a blind rage, ready to attack anything, even an inanimate object such as a stick, should it come within his reach.

Does his owner now hate the cat? No, indeed. She has made it a point to give him extra caresses daily.

Has she learned anything? Yes, this: *Never attempt to handle an angry, or frightened, or excited cat, whose hair stands up, whose back is arched, and who lets out further warning by caterwauling!*



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ON TEACHING CATS

by
Ethel M. Johnson

Cats are intelligent animals as all who have had close acquaintance with them can attest. Since they are far more independent than dogs and far less amenable to discipline, it is more difficult to teach them to do what you want them to do. They can, however, be taught. With patience, love and suitable rewards cats can be trained to a remarkable extent.

We had at one time a large and handsome kitten named Midget. The name was all right for him when he was a tiny handful of white and golden fluff. But he soon outgrew it. He was a beautiful cat, mainly white with some gold spots and big golden eyes. Midget was both affectionate and highly intelligent. My sister was a teacher possessing infinite patience combined with just the right amount of firmness. She had a way with children and animals that usually won their hearts. Midget was no exception.

One vacation when my sister was at home and the kitten was about eight months old, she started teaching him. She would give the command she wanted him to learn slowly and distinctly, looking straight into his eyes. Next she would place him in the position she wanted him to take. Then she would praise him and give him a favorite tidbit. She repeated this procedure over and over until Midget made the association and understood that if he did a certain thing when the command was given, he would get praise and a reward. He seemed to enjoy his lessons and be pleased when he mastered a trick. He was a remarkably apt pupil and he learned to do a number of things, some of which would be difficult for most dogs. Indeed, his repetoire when his training was completed far surpassed that of the average dog.

He learned to "shake hands"; to sit up and beg; to jump over a stick held three feet high. He would play "dead cat", lying down on the floor on his back, eyes closed and fore paws folded demurely upon his chest. He could close a door if it were left partly ajar and swung easily so that he could push it shut with his paws. His cutest performance was "saying his prayers." For this he would get up into a straight back chair, and standing on his hind legs, rest his head on his paws on the back. The trick he found most difficult was walking erect. He could take a few steps this way, but he did not like to; and it usually required a good deal of coaxing and an especially appetizing reward to persuade him to undertake it.

Some of his other tricks, as sitting up and begging or offering to "shake hands", he would do voluntarily when the family was eating dinner or when he wanted a lunch. It was his way of telling us that he would like a hand out. He was perfectly willing to show off his accomplishments to visitors provided my sister made the request. For he was devoted to her and wanted to please her.

One summer when my sister was away, Midget became ill from a hairball. I gave him some olive oil which removed the difficulty. Although he did not like to take medicine, he seemed to understand that I did this for his benefit and to know that it had helped him. After that he included me in his affections; and he would perform for me almost as well as for my sister.

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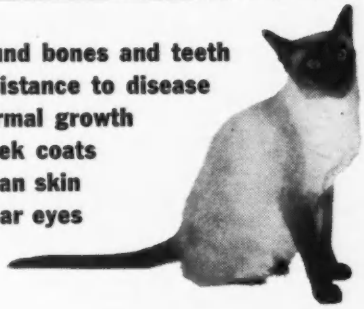

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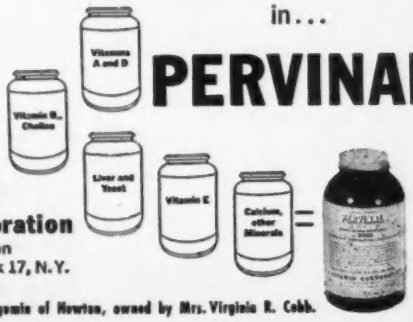

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—Mrs. M. W., Crum Creek, N. Y.

When kittens teethe, halitosis is not uncommon because food particles become impacted in the tiny open sockets. This can be corrected by rinsing the mouth with a dilute solution of Hydrogen Peroxide and water, (one-quarter Peroxide and three-quarters water). In addition, swabbing out the mouth with chlorophyl toothpaste on a cotton tipped applicator will be helpful.

Can people catch mange from cats? What is the best remedy? Preventive? What is best for canker ear? And is there such a thing as a muzzle for a cat?
—R. C. B., Kim, Colorado.

Yes, people can catch mange from cats. The best remedies for it (in cats) are available only through your veterinarian as indiscriminate use of them could cause serious damage However, if the case is not too severe, sulphur compounds and mild solution containing rotenone are quite effective. Prevention is predicated on sanitation and proper diet. Most important is an adequate digestable fat content in the diet.

Ear canker and ear mites are two distinct conditions. Cankers are sores that become infected and resist healing because of the inability to keep them cleansed and lack of air. These are best cleared up with a salve of oil and peroxide. I have never seen a cat muzzle.

I have a beautiful Long Hair cat, but when I look at some of the pictures in CATS, I can't help but wonder why his coat doesn't look like the ones there. I can't seem to get him to eat much but raw round steak and occasionally evaporated milk. Is that the trouble? —Mrs. R. S. M., Battle Creek, Mich.

Diet is of utmost importance in maintaining a healthy skin and fur coat. Grooming is also extremely important. As your cat weighs twelve pounds, it is evident he is adequately nourished quantatively, but the diet may still be lacking in vitamins, minerals and fats. Fresh raw meat is an ideal food for a cat, but it should contain the accompanying fat. Don't coax your cat to continuously eat. Feed him two times daily, then when he has eaten what he wants, remove the dish until the next feeding. Cod liver oil is an excellent source of Vitamin A and fat, and it tones up the skin and coat. A teapoonful daily is ample.

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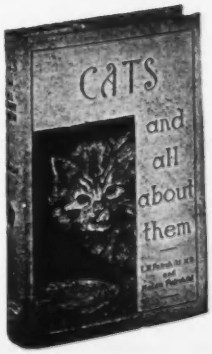

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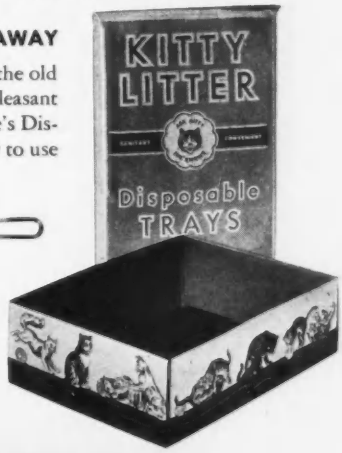

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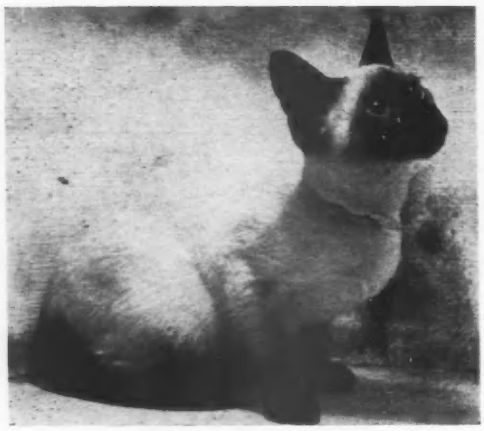

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Photographs of many of the award winners with further information and names and addresses of the owners will be found in owner's announcements on pages 12 through 19.

The listings this year reflect another splendid increase in general interest in all breeds of cats with a total of fifty-five All-Eastern Awards and 41 Honorable Mentions. Last year forty-seven All-Easterns were named; in 1952 only thirty-five.

The All-Eastern cat with the longest continuous appearance on the list is Mrs. Frances Hermes' Dbl. Gr. Ch. Hermcrest Natajha for whom this is the sixth award. Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal's Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Aztec's Belinda was A-E from 1947 through 1953, and she appears again this year on the Honorable Mention Roll. Mrs. Alice S. Dugan's Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady who has three All-Americans to her credit is making her fourth straight All-Eastern, while third consecutive wins are going to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Franzen's Ch. Hi-Acres Roxanne, and to Longhill's Treasure Chest owned by Anthony DeSantis. Repeating 1953 A-E wins are Tpl. Ch. Via Jumbo Bear of Gallahad, owned by Mrs. Blanche Wolfram; Mrs. A. I. Madeira's Joyce of Madeira; Gladys Lowe's Glad Low's Barbara; Mrs. Walter Scherrer's Ginger; Dbl. Ch. Ellan Vannin's Tortice, Imp., owned by Betty Youngman; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler's Dbl. Ch. Caper Cat Trinket of Selene. 1954 A-E Dbl. Ch. Gerstdale's Rani of Regal owned by Mrs. W. G. Ball has the distinction of having been 1952 All-Western and All-American, the only cat to have made wins in two different sections for the same owner, and with Mrs. Ball's forthcoming move from New Jersey to Louisiana this summer, Rani will have an opportunity to add yet a different sectional win next year. A 1952 A-E making a reappearance is Mrs. Molly Brennan's Glad

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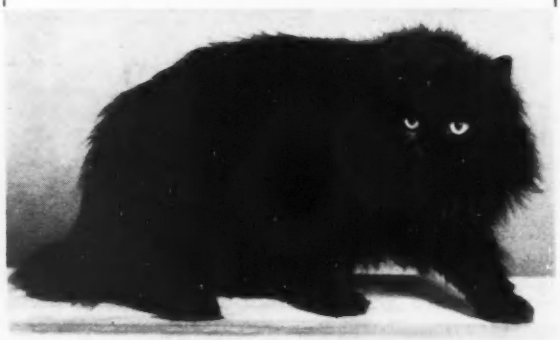
ALL-EASTERN 1949-50-51-52-53-54



Dbl. Grand Ch. Hermscrest Natajha

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LONGHAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White Male—Tpl. Ch. Via Jumbo Bear of Gallahad, Mrs. Blanche Wolfram; Hon. Men.—Mar-Web White Fox, Mrs. Marion Webster.

Blue-Eyed White Female—Maybank Angel, Mrs. G. W. Bullock; Hon. Men.—Ch. Bancroft's Delight of Gallahad, Mrs. Blanche Wolfram.

Orange-Eyed White Male—White Cloud's Dreft, Mrs. Betty Groell; Hon. Men.—Blu Mist Snow Drift, Miss C.. Young.

Orange-Eyed White Female—Dbl. Ch. White Posie Bear of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler; Hon. Men.—Ch. Longhill's White Welcome, Mrs. Anita McDonald.

Odd-Eyed White Male—Longhill's White Chieftain, Anthony DeSantis.

Odd-Eyed White Female—Dresden Sal of Bagdad II, Anthony DeSantis.

Blue Male—Renown of Dunesk, Anthony DeSantis; Hon. Men.—Northledge Adagio of Blue Frost, Mrs. Eunice Thomson.

Blue Female—Rosalie of Allington, Mr. and Mrs. John Warwick; Hon. Men.—Ch. Kay-Ru Piquette of Cobble Hill, Mrs. Charles Zeh.

Black Male—Dbl. Gr. Ch. Hermscrest Natajha, Mrs. Frances Herms; Hon. Men.—Ch. Hermscrest Impy, Mrs. Herms.

Black Female—Hermscrest Tajette, Mrs. Frances Herms; Hon. Men.—Buffalo Black Pansy, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wheeler.

Red Male—Ru-Ling Rusty, Michael Crane; Hon. Men.—Stonybrook Rouge of Rosedale, Margaret English (now owned by Miss Dorothy Hunt.)

Red Female—Longhill's Treasure Chest, Anthony DeSantis; Hon. Men.—Ch. Longhill's Finalee of Willowood, Mrs. Gilbert W. Rose.

Peke Face Red Female—Joyce of Madeira, Mrs. A. I. Madeira.

Cream Male—Craig's Tabby Apple, Anthony DeSantis; Hon-Men.—Longhill's Michael, Mr. DeSantis.

Cream Female—Blue Gable's Cornflakes of Rob-Mar—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin; Hon. Men.—Longhill's Una, Anthony DeSantis.

Silver Male—Rob-Mar's Dante, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin; Hon. Men.—Rollywood Ricardo, Mrs. Reid Copeland.

Silver Female-Dbl. Ch. Robelaine's Recherche, Mrs. Marcena Myers; Hon. Men.—Kute-Kit's Day Dream of Silverette.

Shaded Silver Male—Ch. Sari's Beau Geste, Mrs. Pauline Filkins; Hon. Men.—Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin.

Shaded Silver Female—Kute Kit Bright Eyes II, Mrs. H. Earl Nack (deceased); Hon. Men.—Rob-Mar's Neisha, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin.

Silver Tabby Male—Dbl. Ch. Cobble Hill Dignity's Son, Mrs. Charles Zeh; Hon. Men.—Chautauqua Painted Boy, Mrs. Oliver Johnson.

Silver Tabby Female—Ch. Cobble Hill Taffety, Mrs. Charles Zeh; Hon. Men.—Ch. Lorne of Linnor, Mrs. Harold Rosenberg.

Smoke Male—Kerry Lu Darkies' Darling, Mrs. Helen T. Koerner.

Smoke Female—Valor's Lucky Strike, Mrs. John Cerra.

Red Tabby Male—Kitty Purr's Red Robin, Mrs. Harry Gauntt; Hon. Men.—Rusty of Kitty Purr, Mrs. Harry Gauntt.

Red Tabby Female—TIE: Ch. Hi-Acres Roxanne, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Franzen; Elco's Challis of McKinley Park, Mrs. Eugene Fouque.

Brown Tabby Male—Chautauqua Dollee's Surprise, Mrs. Oliver Johnson.

Brown Tabby Female—Spero's Tabby of Sunset Gardens, Miss Joey Parsell.

Tortoiseshell—Glad Low's Victory of Mol Vron, Mrs. Molly I. Breenan; Hon. Men.—Blue Gable's Freckle Face, Mrs. Dorothy Redman.

Blue Cream—Glad Low's Barbara, Miss Gladys Lowe; Hon. Men.—Longhill's Rosemarie, Anthony DeSantis.

FOREIGN SHORT HAIR DIVISION

Seal Point Siamese Male—Ch. Pomonock's Rascal Peiking II, Mrs. Julia Kohlus; Hon. Men.—Cymri Chan-ee, Lillian E. Pedulla.

Seal Point Siamese Female—Ch. Chi-Charoen Pada, Gladise German; Hon. Men.—Double Ch. Astra's Morris Amanda, Agnes F. Rand.

Blue Point Siamese Male—Ch. Fernreig Saru of Wu, Imp., Lillian King; Hon. Men.—Ch. Wu Blu Silthete, Lillian King.

Blue Point Siamese Female—Grand and Tpl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, Mrs. Alice S. Dugan; Hon. Men.—Ch. McNaughton's Yum Yum, Mrs. T. J. McNaughton.

Chocolate Point Siamese Male—Ch. Beauchat Brunessceus Lynn of Wu, Imp., Lillian King; Hon. Men.—Doneraile Brun Bonnie, Mrs. Howard Stackhouse.

Chocolate Point Siamese Female—Ch. Doneraile Brun Malvana, Imp., Mrs. Rex Naugle; Hon Men.—Briarry Sumach, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Thompson.

Abyssinian Male—Ch. Imp. Raby Chuffa of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler; Hon. Men.—Nigella Mischa of Pel-An-Hoo, Mrs. Matthew Troy.

Abyssinian Female—Dbl. Ch. Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler; Hon. Men.—Dbl. Ch. Caper Cat Idyllwild of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler.

Burmese Male—Regal Tarshan of Darshan, Mrs. Paul W. Levy.

Burmese Female—Dbl. Ch. Gerstdale's Rani of Regal, Mrs. W. G. Ball; Hon. Men.—Casa Catos Vanya of Darshan, Mrs. Paul W. Levy.

Blue Manx Female—MarManx Blue Heather von Nassau, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Spurgeon J. Dammling, USAF.

Black Manx Female—Ch. Imp. Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, Mrs. Ann Bieneman; Hon. Men.—Mayden, Mrs. Wallace R. Ham.

Tortoiseshell Manx—Ellan Vannin's Tortice, Betty Youngman.

DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Blue-Eyed White Male—Ch. Rockridge White Challenger, Mrs. William E. Cottle.

Blue Male—Ch. Vanar's Singing Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White; Hon. Men.—Billie Blue, Mrs. M. Jones.

Blue Female—Ch. Vanar's Melody, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White; Hon. Men.—Tri-Mountain Susue II, Miss Irma A. Rich.

Black Female—Lady III, Mrs. Ethel Brown; Hon. Men.—Lady Luck, Mrs. Amelia Roberts.

Silver Tabby Male—Chautagua's Question Mark, Mrs. Oliver Johnson; Hon. Men.—Aztec Junior, Mrs. Helen Picciano.

Silver Tabby Female—Ch. Benmost Bore Sheila, Mrs. Frank Freudenthal; Hon. Men.—Grand and Tpl. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, Mrs. Frank Freudenthal.

Red Tabby Male—Ginger, Mrs. Walter Scherrer.

Brown Tabby Female—Naomi's Fire Eyes, Miss Naomi Minnenberg; Hon. Men.—Little Butch, John M. Swanton.

KITTENS

Long Hair Male—Birdville Jason, Cream, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Bird; Hon. Men.—Cuddles (Blue), Hazel Hill.

Long Hair Female—Leah D'Linwood, Black, Mrs. Julia White; Hon. Men.—Silva-Wyte's Kadein Capers, Orange-Eyed White, Richard H. Gebhardt.

Short Hair Male—Selene's Jodi, Abyssinian, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler (now owned by Mrs. Florence Johnson); Hon. Men.—Millbrook's Purry, Seal Point Siamese, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Roose.

Short Hair Female—Morris Anabel of Millbrook, Seal Point Siamese, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Roose; Hon. Men.—Chi-Charoen Nam Phueng, Mrs. Gladise German.

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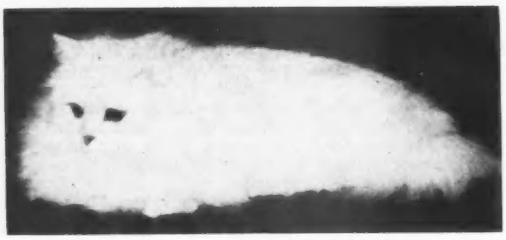

Dbl. Ch. Robelaine's Recherche
1954 A-E Chinchilla Female

Sire—Dbl. Ch. Beverly Serrano Saga O'Dynasty.
Dam—Dbl. Ch. Princess Derri of Rollywood.

THIS YEAR'S WINS:

1-W—Dayton Cat Fanciers All-Breed
1-W—Best of Color, Best Cat Opp. Sex, Silver Specialty, Dayton, Ohio
1-W—Best of Color Opp. Sex, Atlantic Cat Club All-Breed, New York City
1-W—Best of Color Opp. Sex, Silver Specialty, New York City
1-W—Best of Color, Best Cat Opp. Sex, Susquehanna Cat Fanciers All-Breed, Harrisburg, Pa.
1-W—Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club All-Breed
1-W—Long Hair Specialty, Akron, Ohio
1-W—Lake Erie Cat Club, Best Opp. Sex Color
1-W—Best of Color, Kansas City, Mo.
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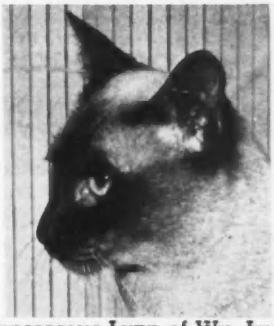
Ch. Fernreig Zaru of Wu, Imp.
All-Eastern B.P. Male—1954
(Mais Mor Marquis ex Hagley Bogum)

Best Cat, Best Champion, Best B.P.—Nat. Siam. Spec. Empire 1954 (Dr. Sawyer)
Best BP—Garden State 1953—(Hunter)
Best B.P. OS.—Rochester S. Spec. 1953 (Herms)
Best BP Male in Open — Rochester 1953 (Kosierowski)



Ch. Beauchat Brunessceus Lynn of Wu, Imp.
All-Eastern C.P. Male—1954
(Ch. Holmesdale Choc. Soldier ex Ch. Pincop Yangtze Kiang).

Best CP Champ; Best CP Male; Best C.P. OS—Nat. Siam. Spec. Empire 1954 (Sawyer)
Best C.P. Male; Best CP O.S.; Best CP Champ.—Empire All-Breed 1954 (O'Neill)
Best CP Male; Best CP—Garden State—(Hunter)
Best CP—Buffalo Cat Fanciers—1954 (Rotter)
Best CP—Texas SH Spec. (Buffalo) 1954—(Limpert)

Ch. Wu Blu Silthete
Runner-up 1954 All-Eastern B.P. Male
(Wu Blu Tsinthete ex Wu Blu Silhoutte)

Winners—Best Novice—Nat. Siam. Spec. (Empire 1954) (Sawyer)
Best Siamese O.S.—Best B.P.—Houston 1954 (Mabie)
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Choc. Pt. Kittens by Ch. Lynn; Ex: Regal Pastelle of Wu

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Long Island Cat Breeders, Nov. 10-11, 1953

Siamese Cat Breeders Guild Short Hair Specialty
Judge Mrs. Doris O'Connell
1st & Winners — Best Siamese
Best Novice — Best Cat
Best Seal Point — Best Foreign Short Hair
All-Breed, Judge H. B. Zieses
Best Opp. Sex Novice — Best S.P. Siamese
Best Siamese — Best For. Short Hair

Atlantic Cat Club, New York City, Jan. 8-9, 1954
All-Breed, Judge Mrs. Ella Conroy
Best Opp. Sex Siamese — Best Opp. Sex For. Short Hair

Siamese Cat Breeders Guild Specialty, Jan. 8-9, 1954
Judge Mrs. Lillian Pedulla
Best Siamese — Best Cat
Best Seal Point Siamese — Best Champion (Trophy)

CFA Empire Cat Club, New York City, Feb. 4-5, 1954
National Siamese Specialty, Judge Evans Sawyer
First & Winners, Open Class — Best Seal Point Opp. Sex
All-Breed, Judge Mrs. Lester O'Neill
First & Winners, Open Class

Lake Erie Cat Club, Cleveland, Feb. 27-28, 1954
All Breed, Judge Mrs. Silas Andrews
Best For. Short Hair — Best Seal Point
Best Short Hair — Best Siamese
Short Hair Specialty, Judge Rollin Cable
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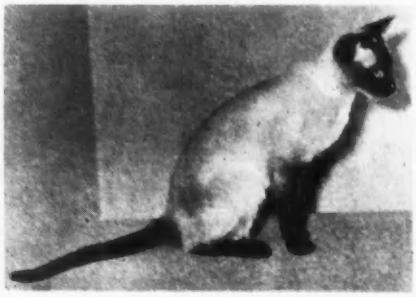

CH. CHI-CHAROEN PADA
All-Eastern Seal Point Female

Sire: Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ho-Tai (A.E. 1953)
Dam: Chirn Sa-hai Taki

And Pada's little sister,
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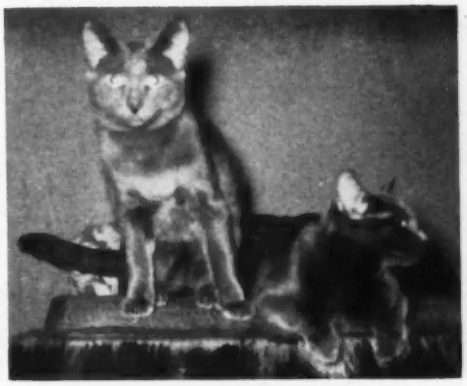

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DAM: Ch. Vee Roi's Donetta
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October 29-30, 1953 — Penn State Cat Club

SPECIALTY
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ALL BREED
Best Grand Champion

November 10-11, 1953 — Long Island Cat Breeders, Garden City

SPECIALTY
Best Grand Champion
Best Blue Point
Best Opp. Sex Siamese

ALL BREED
Best Grand Champion
Best Blue Point
Best Opp. Sex For. S. H.
Best Opp. Sex Short Hair
Best Opp. Sex Siamese

November 20-21, 1953 — Springfield Cat Fanciers

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY
Best Grand Champion — Best Blue Point

December 1-2, 1953 — Garden State Cat Club

SHORT HAIR DIVISION
Best Opp. Sex Cat — Best Opp. Sex Blue Point
Best Opp. Sex Foreign S.H. — Best Opp. Sex S.H.
Best Opp. Sex Siamese — Best Opp. Sex Champion

ALL BREED
Best Opp. Sex Champion—Best Opp. Sex For. S.H.

January 8-9, 1954 — Atlantic Cat Club

SIAMESE SPECIALTY
Best Grand Champion — Best Blue Point

ALL BREED
Best Siamese — Best Blue Point
Best Foreign Short Hair — Best Short Hair

January 15-16, 1954 — Susquehanna Cat Fanciers

SIAMESE SPECIALTY
Best Grand Champion
Best Cat
Best Blue Point
Best Siamese

ALL BREED
Best O. S. Grand Champion
Best Blue Point
Best Foreign Short Hair
Best S. H. — Best Siamese

February 27-28, 1954 — Lake Erie Cat Club

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY
Best Grand Champion
Best Blue Point
Best Siamese

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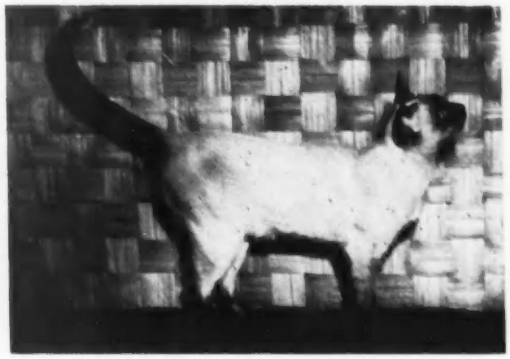

1954 All-Eastern Chocolate Point Female

Ch. Doneraile Brun Malvana, Imp.

Sire—Briarry Macsuch

Dam—Ch. Seashell DeListinoise

Born—May 14, 1953

Breeder—Mrs. Kathleen Williams

Owner—Mrs. Rex Naugle

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Dbl. Ch. Gerstdale's Rani of Regal **A.W. - A.A. 1952**

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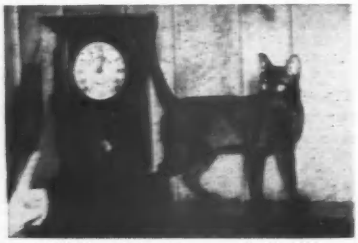

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ALL-EASTERN 1952-53-54

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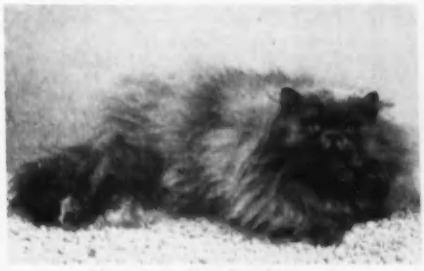


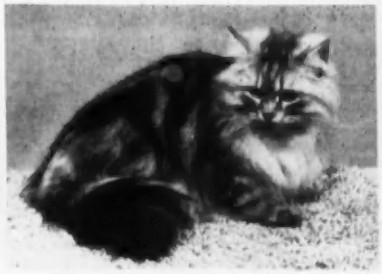
Champion Kay-Ru Piquette of Cobble Hill

C. F. A. Winnings

1-W—All Breed, Empire, Jan. '53
1-W—Solid Color, Empire, Jan. '53
1-W—Best Opp. Sex Cat, All Breed, Newark, Dech. '53
1-W—Best Opp. Sex Solid Color, Newark, Dec. '53
1st as a Champion, Empire, '54

C. F. F. Winnings

1-W—Springfield, Nov. '53
1-W and 2nd—Best Cat, Atlantic, '54



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Mews and Views from the West

Just don't know how that *Houston Cat Club* does it year after year—but they again put on a Top Notch show February 27-28, 1954, at the Shamrock Hotel. As the CFA annual will be there next year somewhere near the show time, try to make it and attend the annual too.

A contingent of Californians were there; Frances Campbell and I found it so enjoyable last year we flew in again for the 54 show. It was the first time to attend this show for Helen Van Zele, Joan Arnold, Pat Johnston (President of the San Diego Cat Fanciers—CFA) Mrs. Helen Koscak, Mrs. Ralph Boren—these folks from San Diego area.

This club employs the use of stewards, or carriers, so successfully. Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie, who did a superb job of judging the All Breed show, complimented the club after the show, and stated she would be very pleased to report to the Board of CFA how successfully their steward system works, and she wished it could be done at more shows.

Mrs. Trevey, their entry clerk, *typed* up the Judges book, making several copies, and each steward was given one of these copies, and on this he or she marked the aisle in which the cat or kitten was located, the absentees, any transfers, so at all times he or she knew just where to locate the cat when it was to come up for judging. This eliminated the calling of any numbers on the mike. I noticed all stewards carefully disinfecting their hands after carrying up each cat. *It's a system* those folks have worked out all right.

Noticed Lillian King there from Nutley, N. J. and her Chocolate Point Regal Pastelle of Wu received 1-W in the A. B. and Wu Blu Silthete, B. P. male, was given 1-W in both shows, as well as Best Opp. Siamese in the A. B.

Miriam B. Williams of San Francisco was justly proud of Best Cat win, in the S. H. Specialty, judged by Mrs. Carl Keller, with *Sha Lin's Praying Ti*, S. P. male, sire Ch. Millbrook's Ping Pong x Sha Lin's Princess Darling.

Many exhibitors were glad of the opportunity to meet Mrs. Frank P. Scott of Oklahoma City. I could not keep my eyes off her most decorative, flared skirt, with several beautiful hand painted poses of her lovely Red Tabby female, Sooner's First Lady of Elco, who received 1-W, and was Best Opp. Sex Red Tabby.

Col. and Mrs. E. B. Myrick, (Navajo Cattery) flew over from Phoenix, Arizona, as well as Dottie Woods from Phoenix, a regular Western delegation. I hope to see more from out this way attend this show next year. Their show hardly ends but what they are starting the next.

The next show to attend was that *wonder of wonders* show in Minneapolis. On March 6th the Minneapolis Persian Cat Club, Inc. (ACA) held its 17th Annual Double show with Mrs. E. F. Hamaker judging the A. B. and Mrs. Herman Zieses judging the L. H. Spec. This A. B. show was completed Saturday night, with ease by Mrs. Hamaker.

On March 7th, in the same show room, the same cages, the same cats, with different numbers, were judged in the CFF A. B. show, put on by the Land O'Lakes Cat Club, Inc., their first show, and judged by Mrs. Jesse Adair. The S. H. Specialty for this CFF show was judged by Mr. Herman Zieses—and this show was likewise completed on Sunday night by 9:30, so *it can be done*. The shows were run in harmony, and certainly this is an innovation in Cat Shows—for two clubs to unite and use the same hall, same cages and same working crew and put on a *double header*. The folks who failed to enter their cats in this show really *missed sumpin!*

I think it is the *first time* a cat has been *Best Cat* three times in one weekend, in the same show room, but it happened—and was done by Kerry-Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Chinchilla male, owned by Helen Van Zele of Lemon Grove, California.

Mr. George Baxter served as show manager for both shows and worked tirelessly during the two days; same entry clerk for both shows, Mrs. Fred W. Curtis, Jr. She alone typed up, and mimeographed the clever catalogue, both of them, and much credit is due her for her hard work and sunny disposition through it all.

Joan Arnold's Angela of Casa Cielo, blue eyed white female, was Best Kit once, and Best Opp. Kit twice, that week end. What fun we all had—and please you folks in Minneapolis repeat it.

A busy worker there too was Lillian Morris Glenmoor—she stayed there at night to see that the cats left were watched over. Much credit is due her and she had some nice wins with her Ch. Glen Moor's Dixee Belle, B. E. White female, and Glenmoor's Copperton, Red Tabby male—who was best Novice Opp. Sex.

Mrs. Curtis I noticed carried her many kits in a collapsible, live fish box, which is made of metal and wire mesh, and folds up very neatly. It is one of the cleverest, most useful carriers I have seen, and so useful in the home. It takes up more room than the ordinary carrier—but how nice to hold so many kittens at once.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Perdue, and Mars Hanson, of the Mo-Kan Cat Club, CFA, of Kansas City drove 500 miles Friday night to attend this show, and made the return trip on Sunday night. I liked Mrs. Perdue's Black female, Gale Knoll Adiana very much, Sire Kansas City Michael x Mitzi Mck of Gale Knoll. Of course I had to hold Grand Ch. Krampert's Ace, now owned by Mars Hanson—and congratulations to Mars on his nice wins with B. P. female, Marhan Min-Dear, best S. H. in both A. B. shows.

Mr. Hanson told me of their successful Mo-Kan Cat Club show, Jan. 30-31 at the Little Theatre in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City. The stage was most artistically decorated with large "cut-out" cats, draped with real leopard skins, even to rings on their toes and ear rings in their ears. They are making great plans to have a fine show next year too.

From Minneapolis on to the large 4th Annual Championship show of The Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. under ACA rules. How beautiful New Orleans looked to us and how warm, after the snappy cold weather of Minneapolis. However, it did turn real cool while we were there, but it didn't interefere with our fun at this show.

Miss Winifred Porter is a one woman welcoming committee. Her station wagon

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Cats Club and Show Reporter

C. F. A. Annual

Sixty-eight clubs were represented at the Annual Meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., held in New York City, March 25. Officers elected for a period of one year were: President, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle K. Shipe; Treasurer, Miss Lillian M. Goodwin. Elected to the Executive Boad for a two-year period were: Mrs. Lawrence Pelton, Mrs. John Revington, Mr. William I. Thompson, Mrs. James R. Mood will continue as Recorder for the year 1954-1955.

Two new Clubs were admitted into membership during the year. Eighty-four shows (sixty of them rated at four points) were held during the 1953-1954 season—twenty-eight All Breed and fifty-six Specialties.

C.F.A. Challenge awards were won as follows: Best Cat, Lillian Magner; Best Cat Opp. Sex, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller; Best Novice, Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts; Best Novice Opp. Sex, Mrs. L. S. Van Riper; Best Kitten, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag; Best Kitten Opp. Sex, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller; Best Short Hair, Lillian Magner and Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan; Best Short Hair Opp. Sex, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. (In the future, awards for Best Long Hair and Best Long Hair Opp. Sex will be added to the above.)

Although Long Hair Clubs were not accepted into C.F.A. membership, it was decided to permit the California Persian Society and the Southern Long Hair Club to sponsor Long Hair Specialty Shows this coming show season. This is to be tried out for one year.

Bulletins are to be discontinued, but clubs will receive copies of the minutes of each Executive Board meeting held during the year. The next annual meeting of C.F.A. will be held on the last FRIDAY in March, 1955, in Houston, Texas.

ACA Elects—Two New Clubs Accepted

The new slate of American Cat Association officers for the coming year comprises Miss Floy McGill, President; Mrs. J. Oken, First Vice President; Dr. Frances L. McCraken, Second Vice President, and Mrs. Stanley Gibson, Secretary-Treasurer. Two new clubs accepted into membership are: The Eastern Cat Fanciers, Mrs. Ruth McNaughtan, 27 East Church Road, Philadelphia, Pa., Secretary, and The San Fernando Valley Cat Club, Mrs. Jo Richardson, 11946 Hartsook St., No. Hollywood, Calif., Secretary.

C.F.F. Manx Standard Up for Revision

A new Manx standard will be presented for consideration at the June Board Meeting of the Cat Fanciers Federation. Any Manx breeders interested in reviewing the proposed standard or suggesting changes in it are invited to write their views to Mrs. Betty O. Youngman, 321 So. 3rd St., Hammonton, N. J.

Chirn Sa-hai Nee-ang First Sicmese Double Grand Champion

Five-year-old Chirn Sa-hai Nee-ang, 1953 All-Southern Seal Point Siamese owned and bred by Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan has completed her CFA and ACA Grand Championships as the climax of her wins this season to become the first Siamese to gain the Double Grand Champion title. Double Grand Champion Nee-ang had had two litters of kittens and was nearly three years old before she was first shown. Her dam was All-Southern Hansa and her grandsire Dbl. Ch. Cha Wa Chirn Sa-hai, twice All-Southern.

Twin City Show Dates, Officers

The Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc., will hold their 1954 show September 18 and 19 at the Dyckman Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. All Breed judge will be Anthony DeSantis; Solid Color, Siamese, and Tabby & Tortie Specialties judge Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Show Manager is Mrs. H. J. Wallman; Assistant Manager, Mrs. C. F. Rotter; Show Secretary, Leone Rystedt; Assistant Secretaries, Mrs. L. D. Sample and Mr. Fred Krahn.

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Central Maine Show May 15

At the Lakewood Country Club, Skowhegan, Maine, on May 15 the Central Maine Cat Club (Unaffiliated) plans to repeat the success of its first Unique show held last year. Skowhegan merchants and others have offered prizes for such winners as **Best Coon (Maine) Cat, Best Short Hair, Best Purebred Cat, Biggest Cat, Oldest Cat,** and even **Most Battered Tom.** A cat photo contest is being held in connection with the show, and one of the club's artist-members will have her watercolors and oils of cats on display. Inquiries should be addressed to club secretary, Ruby Dyer, Skowhegan.

LYDIA O. CYPHER

Executive Secretary, National Cat Week

After an illness of a few months, Lydia O. Cypher, Executive Secretary of National Cat Week died at her home in Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 4th.

Miss Cypher who was a successful and well-known cat breeder assumed the NCW post in June 1949 and working closely with Guy Bogart, the National President, had labored steadily and unselfishly for the development of National Cat Week and for the Welfare of all cats. To the Cat Fancy, and to her NCW friends throughout the world, her loss is a great one.

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by Billie Bancroft

DALLAS
February 13-14

This is a very cleverly set up Show—some of the cutest-cat-cut-outs! Displayed where they will attract the most attention—out front. There are loads of room for special exhibits—the aisles of the Show room are very wide, there is plenty of room for the Judges too. (It would be unthinkable to be cramped in the state of Texas). Stewards handling the cats is a new experience to me and I think it is grand. I can chat with my new Texas friends without fear that my cats won't get up because of my negligence. It is lovely to meet people in person, who, until now, have just been names in the Cats Magazine.

How Dallas people do support their Shows! It is wonderful. Instead of me being 'Deep in The Heart of Texas'—Texas will be very deep in the heart of me.

—Helen Van Zele

I have enjoyed myself as I always do at all Cat Shows but I do wish the Judges would try to give more comments. It is interesting to spectators and very helpful to breeders. I really feel that it would be more satisfactory if all Judges took each cat out of it's cage, unless the cat was impossible to handle.

—Joan Carter, Pharr, Texas

Dallas—I ENJOYED it. The charm and the hospitality of these grand Dallas people, both gals and guys, more than made up for that one red ribbon! Both Judges worked hard and Dorothy Hunt always has been and always will be one of my favorite people. Mrs. Goforth is a stranger to me but I hope to see more of her. There was one sour note evidenced in a bit of **Show-room-temperament**—Let's remember this is a Sporting Event, this cat 'biz,' not a life and death proposi-tiion! Lose today! Win to-morrow! I have done both and expect to go on doing both, s let's enjoy it. And—oh yes—next year I'm going to bring a dog sled for that long cold treke to the powder-room!

—Berttie Tebbits, New Orleans

A new technique in judging—a stroke down the back—IN—the judging cage, not on the Judges' Table. Only after the second request by the Show Manager, were the cats finally handled **on the table** under strong lights. In spite of this the decisions were good. The Show-room is so very spacious—I really am going to bring a scooter with me the next show I attend in Dallas, because the grooming tables are in one end of the room and the Powder room is in the other end!

—Helen Mueller, San Antonio, Texas

Billie Bancroft comments—I've promised myself, vowed a vow—and swore a swear—that I'll attend every single Show in Texas this coming season. I suppose I'll have to bring to pogo stick to compete with Bert Tibbett's dog-sled and Helen Mueller's scooter.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
February 20-21

This is my first experience in entering a kitten in a Cat Show, it has been a real pleasure for me and I've enjoyed every minute.

—Mrs. A. C. Brookey,
357 Crockett, San Antonio, Texas

I have enjoyed the Show very, very much. I think it is the nicest Cat Show I have ever seen—I'll be back next year.

—Carolyn Jean Seay,
2420 W. Sammet, San Antonio, Texas

This is a wonder, it's the first show I ever attended THAT STARTED ON TIME. They should not use moth crystal on the floor; it makes the cats eyes water, also the cages were greasy—and that made it tough on our White Cats, however, I did have a wonderful time and I'll be back next year.

—Mrs. Harry C. Garrison,
4814 Parkwood Drive, Houston, Texas

Regarding this Show—it is **far** superior to the previous Show held two or three years ago. Salutations to the excellent work on the part of Mrs. Marshall and her Associates. Only one suggestion to make. Have closer wires on all cages hereby there will be no danger of Cats escaping.

—Janet Smith, 1706 N. Alamo,
San Antonio, Texas

LOVELY, lovely Show and I met some wonderful people. I'll be back next year.

—Mrs. Adolph Olson, 2910 Medicine
Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn.

This is my first Show, I started out with a household pet—and have ended up by buying a Manx.

—Mrs. Wm. L. Palmer, San Antonio, Texas

The cats were outstanding for this time of the year—Mrs. Strange handles her cats well.

—Mrs. S. L. Lovett

Very nice Show—a bit dusty in the Show room, wonderful cats and friendly breeders.

—Mrs. Harold Rathburn, Sarasota, Florida

So nice to greet old friends, and meet new ones. I enjoy Cat Shows even though I attend only a few—It is a nice show, nice cats, nice people.

—Mrs. Mildred Foster

Supplies were handy which made it nice for the exhibitors and of course I love San Antone.

—Annabel Hoyt, Grapevine, Texas

One of the best organized and best arranged shows I've ever attended.

—Mrs. J. D. Elliot, 311 East 5th Street,
Austin, Texas

A very well managed Show—and the only one I've attended in recent years **to start on time.** Both Judges handled their cats beautifully but please—please—no moth repellent on the floors, it makes little cat eyes, (and mine too), watery. I understand this was not the Show Management but the building management.

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SHOW QUOTES (from page 22)

This is the finest Cat Show ever held in the city of San Antonio, Texas. It has been well planned and expedited by the president and her staff. We are lookig froward enthusiastically to having this Show with us again next year.

—Charlotte Standt, Auditorium Manager, San Antonio, Texas

The Judging at this Show was really wonderful—and wonder of wonders, it started on time. I very much dislike the use of Moth Crystals used as a deodorant and I think they could have had better cages. I enjoyed the Show—I really did, and I'm planning on coming back next year.

—Hazel Johnson, President, Houston Cat Club, Houston, Texas

A Show that ACTUALLY started on time!!! Roll the drums, clash the cymbals—and know ye all—it actually CAN be done. Mrs. Joseph Marshall, her committee and the Judges deserve much credit for a well planned, well executed Show. Of course it goes without saying that we all love to see the veteran Judge, Mrs. Revington, do her work. The Specialty Judge, Mrs. Strange was doing her first Show. She did a grand job, she was unhurried and thorough thereby gaining the confidence of each cat. Each and every one grabbing her around the neck for more of her love and understanding.

—Mrs. Howel J. Mueller, San Antonio, Texas

I arrived Sunday as a spectator and found every one happy, Cats especially well behaved. The Judging Cages were all completely boxed so that males showed no signs of jealousy and Texas brags! Many workers from Dallas and Houston Clubs pitched in and worked the same as if it were their own Show.

—Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson, Texas

I enjoyed my cats very much, they were all nice to me. My clerk Mrs. Lovell was very capable and made my judging easy. From what I hear the Exhibitors were well pleased with my decisions. My thanks to Mary Carolyn Jasay and Carole Marshall for their nice wor kin having the cats in the cages as soon as their numbers were called. Thanks also to Mrs. Wally and Mrs. Hoyt for their assistance.

—Mrs. C. C. Strange, El Paso, Texas

This is definitely our BEST Show so far in the history of our Club, the Specialties Judge won high honors in the way she handled the cats. Mrs. Revington, the All-Breed, was as usual TOPS. A word of thanks to the many and various members of other Texas Clubs who helped us by clerking and acting as stewards. Most especially my thanks to Miss Bonnie Lowe. There were some things that went wrong as there always are but we hope everyone had a nice time and will come back next season.

—Mrs. Joseph Marshall, Show Secretary

The West Texas Short Hair Specialty was the best Show I have ever attended—I'm just a kitten you know—and before I became a kitten, I was a Pussy Willow baby. I was best kitten in my class at Dallas one week ago. All the Judges love me and tell me all kinds of sweet things but the others can't hear, after the Show the Judge held me up to the mike and told me to say something—believe me I did—I said a lot.

—Medicine Lake Wee Sal, (Mrs. Adolph Olson), Minneapolis, Minn.

Air mail letter from 'ol San Tone—these people down here have really put across a wonderful Show. No bickering—(at least not much)—every one assisting the guests—who were really treated as guests. No one trying to influence the Judges—no talking to the Judges—the clerks observing strictly their duties as clerks—and everyone happy—not one decision was questioned so far as I could find out. May we thank you Billie Bancroft, for the chance to tell our side of these Sporting Events—called Cat Shows.

—Mrs. Eloise Callahan, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Billie Bancroft comments—If all Show officials worked as hard as Mrs. Joseph Marshall—the results would be as startling as the Show turned out to be down San Antonio way. It would have been nice to have had a quote—from Revington. I have never known a Judge to work so effortlessly as Revington—at one of the New York Shows, there was a gentleman who remarked in rather loud whisper—"Watch her—watch her face—I'm betting my shirt she is a swell poker- player"! Texas has progressed—not gradually—but by leaps and bounds—until they are now recognized by The Fancy as being a very integral part of the great C.F.A.

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Show Reports

NORTH TEXAS CAT CLUB Third Championship CFA Cat Show, at Dallas, Texas, February 13-14, 1954. AL LBREED: Best Cat, Best Ch. —Dixi-Land Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan; OS—Ch. Longhill's White Jewel, BE Wh f., Mrs. Howell J. Muellr. Best Nov.—Dixi-Land Sherri of Windibank, OE Wh f., B. P. Tebbets; OS—Blue Acres Jamie, Blue m., Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Kit—Texas Snoflake, OE Wh m., Mrs. Walter A. Nelson; OS—Milli's Mu-Chang, BP f., Mrs. M. E. Blackaall. Best Spay—Hallie Mae, Tortoiseshell, Zelva L. Frey; Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz, Blue, Mrs. Joan Arnold. Best SH, Best Siamese—Wah Lee Satina, SP f., Mrs. M. Porter Walley. Best OS Siamese—Cuthpa Dhyoli, BP m., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best DSH—Ch. Mao Texian Tabitha, Sil. Tby f., Price Cross; OS—Gryffn, Sil. Tby. m. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Wellington. Best Aby—Mao Kasyia, f., Elizabeth Mee; OS—Casa Gatos Asamas of Re-Ru, m., Russell Middleton. Best Manx—Ch. Dhu Lleo Tula of Tyoh, Blk f., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt; OS—Henham Bunny Boy (Imp), Sil. Tby. m., Mrs. Derita Cooke. Best Burmese—Bograe's Rayme of Re-Ru, f., Russell Middleton; OS—Chocolate Monday Lion of Re-Ru, Russ. Middleton. Judge—Miss Dorothy Hunt. SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Dixi-Land Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan; OS—Ch. Flagstone's Cutest One, Cr. f., Mrrs. Mueller. Reserve to Best and Best OS—Flagstone's Dennes, Cr. m., Mrs. Mueller; Flagstone's Tonsi, OS Wh f., Stephanie Shawd. Best Nov.—Dixi-Land Sherri of Windibank, OE Wh f., B. P. Tebbetts; OS—Flagstone's Dennis, Cr. m., Mrs. Mueller. Best Kit—Texas Snowflake, OE Wh m., Mrs. W. Nelson; OS—Flagstone's Miss Impy, Cr. f., Mrs. Mueller. Best Neuter: Casa Contenta Don Topaz, Blue, Mrs. Joan Arnold. Judge—Mrs. Marguerite Goforth. MID-WEST SHORT-HAIRED CAT SOCIETY SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Nov.—Medicine Lake Wee Sal, SP f., Mrs. Adolph F. Olson. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Tyoh Der Captain, PC Manx m., Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Webb, Jr. Reserve Best Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Dhu Lleo Tula of Tyoh, Blk f., Mx., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt. Best OS Nov.—Cuthpa Dhyoli, BP m., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best Kit—Tyoh Miss Bobbitu, Bwn Tby. Mx f., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt; OS—Wah-Lee Mai Ching, SP m., Mrs. M. Porter Walley. Best Neuter—Po Go, Blk DSH, Mrs. John Gatewood. Best DSH—Mao Starita Texian, Sil. Tby f., B. A. Lauder. Best OS Siamese—Ch. Cuthpa Linapo of Chi-Ba, BP m., Mrs. J. E. Finley. Best Aby—Bograe's Buto of Re-Ru, f., Russell Middleton; OS—Mao Kilo, Dr. John F. Melton. Best Manx—Ch. Tyoh Der Captain, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Jr.; OS—Ch. Dhu Lleo Tula of Tyoh, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Soulee, f., Mrs. J. D. Elliott; OS Chocolate Monday Lion of Re-3Ru, m., Mr. Middleton. Judge—Mrs. Marguerite Goforth.

CAT FANCIERS OF NEW ORLEANS, INC. Fourth Annual Championship Show, at New Orleans, La., Mar. 13-14, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.Ch. Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele. Best OS Cat—Mar Van's Colonial Lady, BC., Gatos Finos Cattery. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Shawnee's Brocade of Navajo, Tortie., Mrs. E. B. Myrick. Best Novice—Patter, Cr. m., Mrs. Charlie S. Lake; OS—Koneko Royalist, SP f., Mrs. Richard Shedden. Best Kit—Patches of Tropic Isle, Tortie, Mrs. Harold Rathburn; OS—Hamlet Elkins, SP m., Mr. Henry Elkins. Best FSH, Best Siamese—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Nee-Ang, SP f., Mrs .Richard O'Donovan. Best OS FSH, Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best OS Siam.—Ch. Mauna Loa, SP m., Mrs. L. Celeste. Best OS Aby—Mao Kaspia, f., Dr. Elizabeth Mee. Best Burmese—Dobyns' Boki-Tyf, f., Mrs. T. A. Dobyns; OS—Casa Gatos Marajah Anawrahta, m., Mrs. Dobyns. Best Manx—Akanta's Mr. uarternote of FarFin, Blk m., Farris & Fincel; OS—Ch. Inneen of Glen Orry, Tortie, Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson. Best DSH—Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil. Tby m., Ada Mae Miles; OS—Mao Starita Texan, Sil. Tby f., R. A. Lauder. Best Neuter—Admiration of Blulace, Blue LH, Miss Jane Bright; Spay—Who-Who, Blue LH, Jill Black. Judge—Miss Doris Hobbs. SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch., Best Siam.—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Nee-Ang, SP f., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best OS Cat, Best Manx—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote of FarFin, Blk., Farris & Fincel. Best OS Ch., Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best Nov.—Su-Ryan Yasmin O'Burma, f., Mrs. T. A. Dobyns; OS—Master Randy, SP m., Felix Plaisance, Jr. Best Kit—Blue Star of Bangkok, SP f., Mr. Billups P. Percy; OS—Re-Ru Dynamic, Burmese m., Russell Middleton. Best OS Siamese—Ch. Mauna Loa, BP m., Mrs. L. Celeste. Best OS Aby—Mao Kasyia, f., Dr. Mee. Best Burmese—Dobyns' Boki-Tyf, f., Mrs. Dobyns; OS—Ch. Laos Loo L-N Wat de Casa Catos, m., Mrs. Dobyns. Best OS Manx—Ch. Inneen of Glen Orry, Tortie, the Misses Carlson. Best DSH—Mao Starita Texan, Sil. Tby f., B. A. Lauder; OS—Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil. Tby m., Ada May Miles. Judge—Mrs. Ella Conroy. FOREIGN SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch., Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, Aby m., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch., Best Siam.—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Nee-Ang, SP f., Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Nov.—Su-Ryan Yasmin O'Burma, Burmese f., Mrs. Dobyns; OS—Martini's Onion, SP m., Miss Winifred Forter. Best OS Siam—Ch. Mauna Loa, BP m., Mrs. L. Celeste. Best OS Aby—Su-Ryan Fatima; f., Mr. T. A. Dobyns. Best Burmese—Dobyns' Boki-Tyf, f., Mrs. Dobyns; OS—Casa Catos Marajah Anawrahta, m., Mrs. Dobyns. Best Manx—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote of FarFin, Blk m., Farris & Fincil; OS—Ch. Inneen of Glen Orry, Tortie, Misses Carlson. Judge—Mrs. Doris O'Connell. LONG HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele. Best OS Cat—Mar Van's Colonial Lady, BC, Gatos Finos Cattery. Best OS Ch.—Sissy of Polychrome, PF Red Tby f., Mrs. Earl Posey. Best Nov.—Floridanus Jungle Monarch, Bwn Tny m., Mrs. Maude Barney; OS—Far Fin's Madeline, PF Red Tby f., Farris & Fincel. Best Kit—Patches of Tropic Isle, Tortie, Mrs. Harold Rathburn; OS—Ebony, Blk m., Mrs. Charlie S. Lake. Judge—Mrs. Ella Conroy. SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Moonbeam of Gayland's (Imp.), Blue m., Miss Verner Clum. Best OS Cat—Silver Moth Hope of Tropic Isle, Gr. f., Mrs. Harold Rathburn. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Tannenbaum's Trigger of the Farm, Blue Mx. f., Miss Winifred Forter. Best Nov.—Crescent's Lieberschatz, Blk m., Mrs. Whitney Haydel; OS—Penne, Odd Eye Wh. f., Mrs. O. Conn. Best Kitten—Goforth's Angel of Casa Cielo, BE Wh f., Joan Arnold; OS—Ebony, Blk m., Mrs. Charlie S. Lake. Best SH—Pertsy, Blue DSH f., Mrs. J. Kelly Bailey; OS—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote of FarFin, Blk Mx m., Farris & Fincil. Judge—Mrs. O'Connell. TABBY & TORTIE SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best LH—Mar Van's Colonial Lady, BC, Gatos Finos Cattery. Best OS Cat, Best OS LH—Garvinia's Ike of Jun-Mar, RD Tby m., Mrs. M. Shumate. Best Ch.—Ch. Shawnee's Brocade of Navajo, Tortie, Mrs. E. B. Myrick; OS—Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil. Tby DSH m., Ada May Miles. Best Nov.—Floridanus Jungle Monarch, Bwn Tby m., Mrs. Maude Barney; OS—BluTu, BC, Mrs. Lake. Best Kit—Patches of Tropic Isle, Tortie, Mrs. Rathburn. Best SH—Starita Texan, Sil. Tby DSH f., B. A. Lauder; OS—Gryffn, Sil. Tby m., Mr. and Mrs. C. Wellington. Judge—Mrs. O'Connell. SILVER SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele. Best OS Cat, Casa Contenta Easter Doll, Sil. f., Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Barrett. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Mao Texian Tabitha, Sil. Tby DSH f., Mr. Price Cross. Best Nov.—Floridan Misty Knight, Smk m., Mrs. Maud R. Barney; OS—Billie's Smudge, Smk DSH f. Miss Billie Dobyns. Best Kit—Capri's Sir Gawain, Sil. m., Mrs. Ruth Lentz. Best SH—Mao Starita Texan, Sil. Tby f., B. A. Lauder; OS—Gryffn, Sil. Tby m., Mr. and Mrs. Wellington. Judge—Doris O'Connell.

CANYON STATE CAT CLUB, INC. Sixth Annual Championship ACA Show, Phoenix, Arizona, February 6-7, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best L H, Best Cat Open Class, Best Cat Sil. Div., Best Sil.—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Dr. and Mrs. V. Van Zele. Best Cat OS, Best Ch. OS, Best L. H. OS, Best Red—Shawnee Cardinalette, Red f., Mrs. William J. Woods. Second to Best Cat, Best Ch. Best Cat Solid Color Div., Best Blue—Texas Valiant Prince, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Second to Best Cat OS Kerry Lu Sherleen, Sil. f., Mrs. Dale J. Thompson. Best SH, Best Siamese, Best FSH—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh-Boren, BP m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best SH OS, est Siamese OS, Best FSH OS—Princess Georgette Tempurra, BP f., Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Cat Open ClassOS—Shanghai Cotton, SP f., Mrs. Gladys M. Dunn. Best Novice, Best Nov. Solid Color Div., Lynwood Chu Chu, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Best Nov. OS, Camelback's Sing Song, Blk. f., Mrs. Charles Wood. Best Kitten—Petite Blue Bear of Majo, Blue f., Margaret Sonnemen. Best Kitten OS—Azure Abadan, red m., Mrs. William J. Woods. Best Manx—Senza Coda's Storm Cloud, Blue Manx m., Mrs. Virginia L. Sweem. Best Manx OS—Mrs. Minus of Mei Lee, Sil. MT Tabby Manx f., Mrs. Virginia L. Sweem. Best Burmese—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, Burmese m., Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Burmese OS, Casa Gatos, Mae Hao, Burmese f., Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Aby.—Ta-Lee-Ho's Jaibo, Aby. m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Dom. S. H.—Tommy Orange, Red Tabby m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Dom. S. H. OS—Azure's Sally, Blk. f., Mrs. Nancy Steinmetz. Best Dom. S. H. Ch.—Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil. Tabby m., Mrs. S. G. Miles. Judge—Mrs. Jess Adair. LONG HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat in Show, Best Cat Open Class, Best Cat Sil. Div.—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Dr. and Mrs. V. Van Zele. Best Cat OS, Best Ch., Best Cat Solid Color Div. OS—Camelback's Truly Fair of Casa Verde, Blk. f., Mrs. W. G. Holsinger. Second to Best Cat, Best Nov., Best Cat Solid Color Div.—Lynwood Chu Chu, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Second to Best Cat OS, Best Cat Open Class OS—Lady Gay of Pensford, (Imp.), Cream f., Mrs. Alberta M. Paris. Best Nov. OS, Camelback's Poppy of Casa Verde, Blk f., Mrs. W. G. Holsinger. Best Kitten, Playmate, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Boardman. Best Kitten OS, Azure's Astara, Tortie f.,Mrs. William J. Woods. Best Cat Tabby & Tortie Div.—Lightwing Warrior of Smithway, Red Tabby m., Mrs. Helen M. Smith. Best Cat Tabby & Tortie Div. OS, Longhill Pixie of Milford, Tortie f., Mrs. Alberta M. Paris. Best Cat Sil. Div. OS—Kerry Lu Sherleen, Sil. f., Mrs. Dale J. Thompson. Judge—Mrs. June Williams. SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat in Show, Best Siamese, Best Nov.—Tempurra's Temptress, SP f., Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Cat OS, Second to Best Cat, Best Aby.—Ta-Lee-Ho's Jaibo, Aby. m., Dr. Fern Smith. Second to Best Cat OS, Best Manx—Mrs. Minus of Mei Lee, Sil. M. T. Tabby Manx f., Mrs. Virginia L. Sweem. Best Ch.—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh-Boren, BP m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best Ch OS—Julie's Nuba of Jadawh-Boren. Burmese f., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best Cat Open Class, est Siamese OS—Koscak's Suki, CP m., Mrs. Helen C. Koscak. Best Cat Open Class OS—Lamar's Susanne, BP f., Mrs. Helen C. Koscak. Best Nov. OS, Best Burmese—Hassayampa Masahdi, Burmese m., Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Kitten—B-Lo-C's Wong Hi, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Wear. Best Kitten OS—Rain Bow, Dom S. H. Tortie f., Toni Lynn Packham. Best Burmese OS—Hassayampa Snotzy Bai, Burmese f., Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Manx OS—Senza Coda's Black Magic, Blk. Manx m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Dom. S. H.—Renee's Zaca of Kiva Sil. Tabby m., Mrs. S. G. Miles. Judge—Mrs. June Williams.

ALL-EASTERNS

(from page 12)

Low's Victory of Mol-Vron. Former All-Easterns on the Honorable Mention list are Tri-Mountain Susie II (1947-48-49-50); Chautauqua's Painted Boy (1949-50); and from 1953: Tpl. Ch. Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Rob-Mar's Neisha, Ch. Aztec, Jr., and Dbl. Ch. Astra's Morris Amanda, Imp., who was 1953 Short Hair Female Kitten.

Ranked in order of All-Eastern points scored, the top ten cats are:

Ch. Chi-Charoen Pada, Ch. Pomonock's Rascal PeiKing II, Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, Longhill's Treasure Chest, Craig's Taffy Apple, Dbl. Ch. Astra's Morris Amanda, Imp., Rob-Mar's Dante, Renown of Dunesk, Gladlow's Barbara, and Rosalie of Allington. Thus, Mrs. Gladise German's Ch. Chi-Charoen Pada, female and Mrs. Julia Kohlus's Ch. Pomonock's Rascal PeiKing II, male, will carry the Eastern banner for Cat-of-the-Year and Opposite Sex Cat-of-the-Year against the highests scoring cats of the other sections. Long Hair honors will rest on two of Anthony DeSantis' cats, Longhill's Treasure Chest and Craig's Taffy Apple.

However, all of the cats in the All-Eastern listing will now be vying for All-American honors to be announced in September against each of the top cats in their own breed, color and sex in all of the other sections. Next month the All-Westerns will be named, in July the All-Midwesterns, and in August the All-Southerns.

MEWS & VIEWS

(from page 20)

was continuously busy during the show, meeting judges, out of town exhibitors—it seemed to me she was three places at once during the whole show, and notice she had 31 entries listed under her name; yet she found time to roast a turkey to be used for sandwiches, to be sold at the show, and to cook up plenty of shrimps for the *out of town* exhibitors only, which we enjoyed in the show room. Miss Porter, as show manager, was fortunate to have such an efficient show secretary —Mrs. Richard Shedden, so pleasant to all exhibitors and she did all she could to make it a fine show. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dobyns were two busy people too, Mr. Dobyns stewarding for Mrs. Ella Conroy, who did the L. H. and S. H. Specialty. Mrs. Doris O'Connell was judge of the Solid Color, Silver, Tabby and Tortie and Foreign Short Hair Specialties—which is quite an assignment.

Well received was the All Breed judge, Miss Doris Hobbs of Stamford, Connecticut. Miss Hobbs has raised cats for 30 years, starting as a very young girl assisting her mother in this interesting hobby. She knows he rcats, all breeds and enjoyed watching her judge and handle the cats very much.

Mrs. Harold Rathburn from Sarasota, Florida attended with her lovely Persians, and her Patches of Tropic Isle, tortoiseshell was picked as Best kitten in the A. B. and L. H. Specialty shows. Her Silver Moth Igloo of Tropic Isle, G. E. White male, has beyond a doubt the longest coat I have seen on a Persian, which of course caused much comment.

This show was held in the picturesque French Quarters of New Orleans. This is one of my favorite cities and regretted to see the show end. It was fun from beginning to end, and only hope I will be able to attend next year. Space has run out but will coment on more of the cats next issue. Happy Kittening and let me hear about the new litters please.

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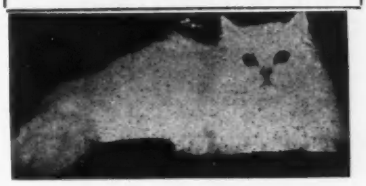

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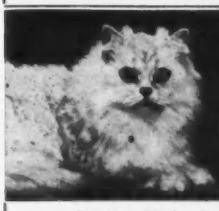

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The Back Fence . . .

Too bad all cat lovers could not see "How To Read A Cat's Mind," the Chandoha article appearing recently in the Jamaica, N. Y. Press. Emphasis in the five action-photos was on the tail as barometer for cat-reading, a barometer well-known to cat-owners. Having personally recorded the number of wags in our part-Persian's tail before his patience at odd human insistence on grooming gives out, we were pleased to note this and other signals given for enjoyment and enlightenment of the public-at-large. Another stunning Chandoha layout appeared in the Newport News, Va. Press, this piece illustrating with appropriate photos four Shakespearean quotations. "I am as vigilant as a cat to steal cream," from King Henry IV, Act IV, Sc. 2, we thought especially appealing, for some sly shorthair with coy gleam in eye peeped over a ledge, for all the world your cat and mine waiting 'til backs are turned to hop on the dinner table for a sample of *your* chicken. *His* may be whiter and more tender, but he wants *yours*. Two Siamese sitting primly in color on the cover of the same Sunday Supplement belie the fact that such feline actions ever take place.

A reader has sent us a clipping from the Baltimore News-Post, giving evidence of what may be a trend in newspapers in general, this good tiding being a listing in the general news of a column called DOGS AND CATS. Under this in paragraphs are animals lost and found with localities, descriptions, phone numbers; two paragraphs list animals up for adoption.

Another piece of good news is the birth on the West Coast of a column on cat care, resembling the excellent one run for some years by Henrietta Hitchcock of the New York World-Telegram and Sun. Glad to see this innovation taking place in the intellectually lively city of San Francisco, the paper being the Examiner.

Well, Southern Californians we cannot ignore, either, being just as lively and intellectual, in their way, as anyone. There is now a Cat Care Club in Los Angeles, a Sanctuary for orphaned cats, adjoining which is a Thrift Shop & Shelter, featuring the unusual in shopping, entire proceeds of which go for sheltering, feeding, spaying and medical care of homeless cats. For Californians interested, the address is 2240 Barry Avenue, or for those wishing to donate to the cause, phone ARizona 9-7474 for pick-up.

Los Angeles may soon be the location of a cat hotel, costing, according to published reports, $50,000. The hotel now under construction at 2327 Cotner Avenue, West Los Angeles, will feature individual sleeping rooms, latest type germicidal lamps, sanitary facilities, pens divided by opaque glass with front openings in heavy gauge wire. The cats' units will be built around a grass courtyard, enclosed on the sides by louvered windows, serving also as outside runs for feline guests. It will be landscaped with trees and shrubs. Hospital facilities are included among the accomodations, and for the convenience of owners calling for pets, there will be a visiting room furnished with patio chairs, grass rugs and potted foliage. There will be a special room for ocelots. Sponsors of the hotel, which will be able to accommodate 200 guests a day, are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackford.

Ike's away, Mamie's gray, so read headlines in a Ridgewood, N. J. paper. Ike is of medium build, and he's mostly gray, except for his feet. They're white. Mamie has not heard from him for days, and is naturally concerned. Ike and Mamie have been inseparable since July 11th, 1952, the day Ike Eisenhower was nominated to run for President, and the day that Ike and Mamie came into the world underneath the television set broadcasting the Republican National Convention. If you see Ike, please return him to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Everest, 505 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J. They say he's too good a Republican to lose.

Suppose you've all read by now the pathetic story of little John Anthony Dillon, 5, of Amarillo, Texas, whose dear pet, Grey Lady, given to him for a fourth birthday present, was hit by a car. She crawled to his arms and died. Tony could not bear to part with Grey Lady's body, and after his parents had buried her, dug her up, cradling her in his arms and saying, "I want to go just like Grey Lady did." He did. He was killed by a motorcycle three days later as he, his mother, brother and sister crossed a highway near their home.

Not nearly as heart-breaking but ironic too in its way is another story concerning a small boy, Stephan Arnold, eleven, of 76 Randolph Ave., Waterbury, Conn. Stephan went out of his way to rescue Willie-Wool, pet cat of Terry Smith, an eleven-year-old pal. Willie-Wool had been marooned in a tree two days. Several boys held canvas, spread fireman-fashion, under the tree, urging Willie to jump. Willie, even as some humans, thought that canvas looked like a mighty small target to aim for. He refused. Stephan's mother called the Fire Department, the Police Department and the S.P.C.A., she said, but no one came to Willie's aid. Finally an extension ladder was borrowed, and Stephan and another unidentified hero brought Willie down together. Now Stephan cannot enjoy his good deed, for two days later his dog, Flopsy, Half-Cocker, half-Beagle, disappeared. He has not been seen since. Let's hope a true hero's award is made by the reappearance of Flopsy within the near future. We don't want dog trauma associated with good deeds to cats in the minds of small boys.

The Advertising Council, in its 1954 spring safety campaign, is using Tuffy, a black and white cat, to emphasize the fact that a cat has nine lives, but a human, one. Effective advertising, though unfortunately, not as true as cat fans might wish.

Superintendent Joseph V. Valier, of the H. T. Smith Trucking Co., was pleased albeit surprised when a perfectly strange cat walked into his office and gave birth to three kittens under his desk. He had no idea where Mama came from, until he received a note from the Bronx, N. Y. Dispatch Motor Transportation Co., asking him to "please send back our pregnant cat." Mr. Vallier sent the Bronx company a $75 bill for obstetrical care and the following note: "I *can't* send back your pregnant cat. That cat just isn't pregnant anymore."

If all goes well, Mrs. Gertrude Ritner, of Omaha, Nebr., will yet inherit the $7500 house she shares now with Midgie, a cat. Under the terms of Midgie's late owner's will, if Midgie dies of natural causes, the house is Mrs. Ritner's. But if Midgie gets out and is lost, or is otherwise not allowed to live out his days in peace, the house will go to another. Those were the terms of a will made by Midgie's late master, Francis A. Putnam, Omaha Telegraph Co. executive who died in February, 1953. A few days ago, the lure of Spring called too loudly, Midgie slipped out, and Mrs. Ritner said, "We were so worried. We were just ready to call the lawyer and tell her the cat was gone."

"Then Tuesday around three a.m. I thought I heard a scratching sound. I couldn't sleep anyway, I was so worried. I came downstairs, and there he was, walking around the living room." He was "tickled to death to see me," and after a meal of salmon and braunschweiger, about the only food Midgie will eat, things quieted down sufficiently for both parties to snatch much-needed shut-eye. Midgie looks affable enough. We do hope he and Mrs. Ritner will be able to live together in peace for many years yet, both enjoying their house and squelching the "It can't be done" attitude of those who are perhaps just sorry they too, did not inherit a house, complete with cat. — A. M.

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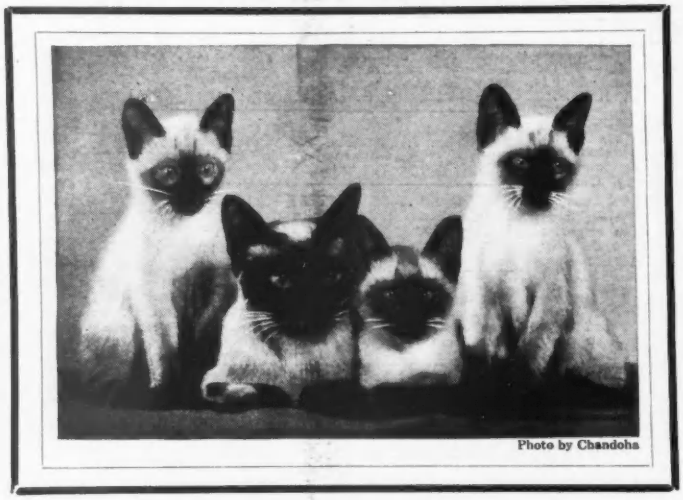

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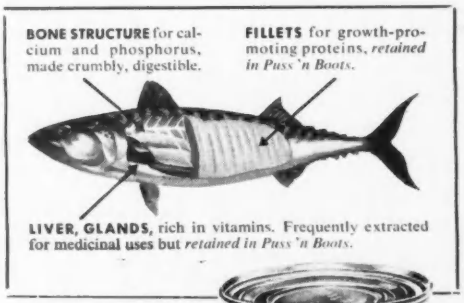

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